

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**PRIVATE SOURCE CODE COMMENTING**

5 A method, computer program product, and data processing system for exchanging information regarding software source code among a team of developers is disclosed. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, a developer associates commentary with a
10 particular code feature, such as a function or object class. A list of intended recipients or readers of the commentary is obtained from the developer. Additional settings regarding such things as an expiration date for the commentary are also obtained from the developer. The
15 source code with associated commentary is then made available to the intended readers. If desired, the source code with associated commentary may be transmitted to the intended recipients via e-mail or an "instant message" or other form of notification can be transmitted
20 to the intended recipients to notify them of the commentary to be read.